

people, including full enjoyment of political and civil rights (right to vote, etc.) for the Negro and Mexican people.

V. A graduated land tax on lands in excess of \$10,000 to break up the large plantations; and farm tenant protective legislation as supplementary measures by the state to federal farm program: "40 acres and a mule for every tenant farmer." A state land program to supplement national program.

VI. Rapid extension of government ownership of public utilities, the acquisition

of properties now privately owned to be made on the basis of prudent investment rather than hypothetical speculative values; stringent rate regulation of privately owned utilities during the period of transition from private to public ownership. (Legislation to permit small rural communities to join together in local ownership of utilities—rural electrification).

VII. Abolition of poll tax.

VIII. Ratification by state legislature of federal Child Labor Amendment.

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FREE TEXAS FROM MONOPOLY CONTROL!

BRING THE NEW DEAL TO TEXAS!

FOR DEMOCRACY, SECURITY, JOBS, PEACE!

W. Lee O'Daniel was once the president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. He has an anti-union record and is an advocate of low wages. His election in the Democratic primaries must be a signal of alarm to the workers, farmers, and all progressive people of Texas.

The dictatorial trend of O'Daniel following the primaries is shown both by his efforts to control the local machines in many counties and the State Convention, and by his effort to elect such notorious corporation politicians as Coke Stevenson, Walter Woodul, and Terrell to state offices.

The John Garner type of political machine has been based upon a coalition of local machines led by such men as C. K. Quinn of San Antonio, Amon Carter of Fort Worth, and the John Kirby-Jesse Jones group in Houston.

These corporation spokesmen and plutocrats, for whom O'Daniel is the mouthpiece, now want a completely totalitarian type of machine. Such a machine they hope to pattern after Huey Long's or Adolph Hitler's. This machine would hold the whip hand over the members of the legislature and place itself in complete control of the political life of Texas through its management of state and local patronage.

With the important exception of the contest between State Senator Holbrook and Attorney Stone, there was hardly a single place in the primaries where the issue revolved around acceptance or rejection of the New Deal. In this single case of the Holbrook-Stone race, Holbrook, an open reactionary who admitted his opposition to the New Deal and all its works, was defeated, proving that where the issue was clear to the people they voted without hesitation for New Dealers and Progressives. O'Daniel and most other reactionaries did not openly admit themselves to be anti-New Deal, and through their demagogery were able to win the votes of masses of people who ardently desire progressive, New Deal measures, and whose main source of dissatisfaction lies in the fact that the New Deal has not yet been brought to Texas. It was possible for this confusion of the voters to arise due to the lack of unity upon a state-wide scale of the organized progressive forces.

The A. F. of L., C.I.O., and farmers were not united. Corporation politicians—who claimed to be for the people but who actually have been and are fighting bitterly against the interests of the common people—would have been defeated if a progressive coalition of the trade unions, farmers, New Deal Democrats, and the Negro and Mexican people had been forged, prior to the primaries.

The monopolies have been able to keep the people of Texas divided up till now. Misguided and reactionary leaders of the A. F. of L. have allowed differences over industrial unionism to divide the ranks of labor in politics. The farmers have hesitated to unite with a divided labor movement. In many instances the farmers do not yet recognize that they and the workers have a common enemy—the monopolies. The corporation vultures ruin the farmer and rob the worker. For their common good, labor and farmers must get together.

The Communist Party of Texas enters the state election campaign to sound the trumpet call for the people to wake up to the need for democratic unity. Otherwise the political tools of the corporations will destroy our liberty and democracy.

The trade unions of Texas have seen their civil rights trampled into the ground under the iron heel of the monopolies and their servants. Slow starvation faces the unemployed. Our old folks are denied pensions guaranteed them by our state constitution. Mortgages of farmers grow while their prices shrink and they are shoved down the ladder to tenancy and sharecropping.

Intense discrimination in all phases of their lives is suffered by the Mexican and Negro people. They are disfranchised, discriminated against in employment and education, and subjected to unbelievable misery in lack of health and housing facilities.

While the people of Texas suffer, the Wall Street and Texas corporations and land barons continue to reap fabulous golden harvests from the exploitation of the natural and human resources of Texas! The professional politicians faithfully do their masters' bidding! It is time that the government of Texas be returned

to the common people of Texas!

Our platform is based upon the acute needs of the people. It is not merely a Communist program. It can serve to unite all sections of the toiling people around their common needs. Build the Democratic Front to defend the people from the onslaught of the monopolies!

THE 1938 PLATFORM OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TEXAS

NATIONAL DEMANDS

- I. To protect and improve wages, hours, and working conditions through support of the rights of trade unions and through such measures as the Wagner Labor Relations Act and improvement of present Social Security and Wage-Hour legislation.
- II. To utilize the nation's available wealth to provide work or relief for the jobless, financed by taxes based on ability to pay.
- III. To defend and extend the democratic rights of the people through—
 1. Legislation against trusts and monopolies.
 2. Control of the stock exchange.
 3. Nationalization of banks, railways, and the munitions industry.
 4. Moratorium on debts of farmers and small property owners with government refinancing of these debts on long terms with low rates of interest.
 5. Guaranteeing cost of production for the farmers.
 6. Price regulation under democratic control; that is, through agencies

which represent the people rather than the monopolies and trusts.

7. Support of the Anti-Lynching Bill (Wagner-Van Nuys Bill).

- IV. To promote concerted action with the democratic people and governments of the world in order—

1. To halt and isolate the fascist war makers.
2. To assist the victims of fascist aggression.
3. To guarantee world peace.

STATE DEMANDS

- I. PROTECTIVE LABOR LEGISLATION—
 1. A Labor Relations Act for Texas patterned after the present Wagner Act to cover all industries, including agriculture, and those other intra-state industries which at present are excluded from the protection afforded by national legislation due to the interpretation which the courts have placed upon the interstate commerce clause in the constitution.
 2. A Wage-Hour Bill for all industries, including agriculture, not covered by a national Wage-Hour Bill, which will establish a floor for wages and a ceiling for hours.
 3. A law limiting the power of courts to issue injunctions against the workers in labor disputes.
 4. Teachers Tenure.
- II. TAX REFORMS—
 1. By increasing the severance tax on oil, gas, sulphur, and other natural resources. The Communist Party advocates raising the tax on oil to 20 cents per barrel to raise over one hundred million dollars of revenue.
2. Adoption of a graduated income tax on all incomes in excess of \$3000 for single persons or \$5000 for married persons.
- III. THE USE OF ADDITIONAL REVENUES ACCRUING FROM THE SEVERANCE AND INCOME TAXES TO ACCOMPLISH—
 1. The bringing up of old age pensions to the constitutional limit of \$30 per month.
 2. Provision of state aid to the scores of thousands of hungry unemployed who are now receiving no relief or inadequate relief.
 3. Tax relief for small farmers and home owners by abolishing all ad valorem taxes, including school and municipal taxes on homesteads valued at less than \$5000, the state to rebate to school districts and municipalities revenues lost by this form of tax relief.
 4. Provision of funds for teacher retirement and for state aid to the blind, widows, and dependent children as provided by the state constitution, but for which funds are not now available.
 5. The financing of a state health program by means of county and municipal clinics open to the poverty-stricken people of town and country, which program shall be especially directed against syphilis, gonorrhea, and tuberculosis.
 6. State aid to supplement present N.Y.A. grants to the unemployed youth, aimed primarily at providing wider opportunities for work and education for the children of workers and farmers.
- IV. Civil rights for labor and the whole